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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 3 and 21-25 have been canceled, claims 1, 4-6, and 13-14 have been amended, and new claims 26-27 have been submitted. Currently, claims 1-2, 4-20, and 26-27 are pending in this application.

The indication that claims 3-7, 13-17, 19, and 20 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 3, although intervening claim 2 has not been included in claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is therefore allowable over the cited art. Additionally, applicants have amended claim 13 into independent form and have amended claim 14 into independent form. The other claims have been amended to depend from one of these allowable claims and, accordingly, are believed patentable over the art of record.

Conclusion

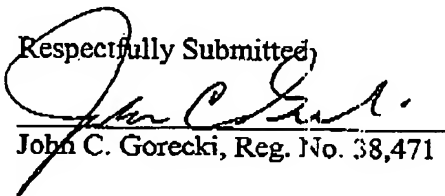
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are patentable over the art of record and request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow this application. If, after review, the Examiner feels like further rejection of any of the claims continues to be warranted or if the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would further prosecution of this application, applicants invite the Examiner to call applicant's representative to discuss these matters so that a quick resolution on patentability may be determined. Likewise, if the Examiner has any other concerns about any of the statements made herein, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's representative to discuss these matters.

If any fees are due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502246 (Ref: NN-16585).

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